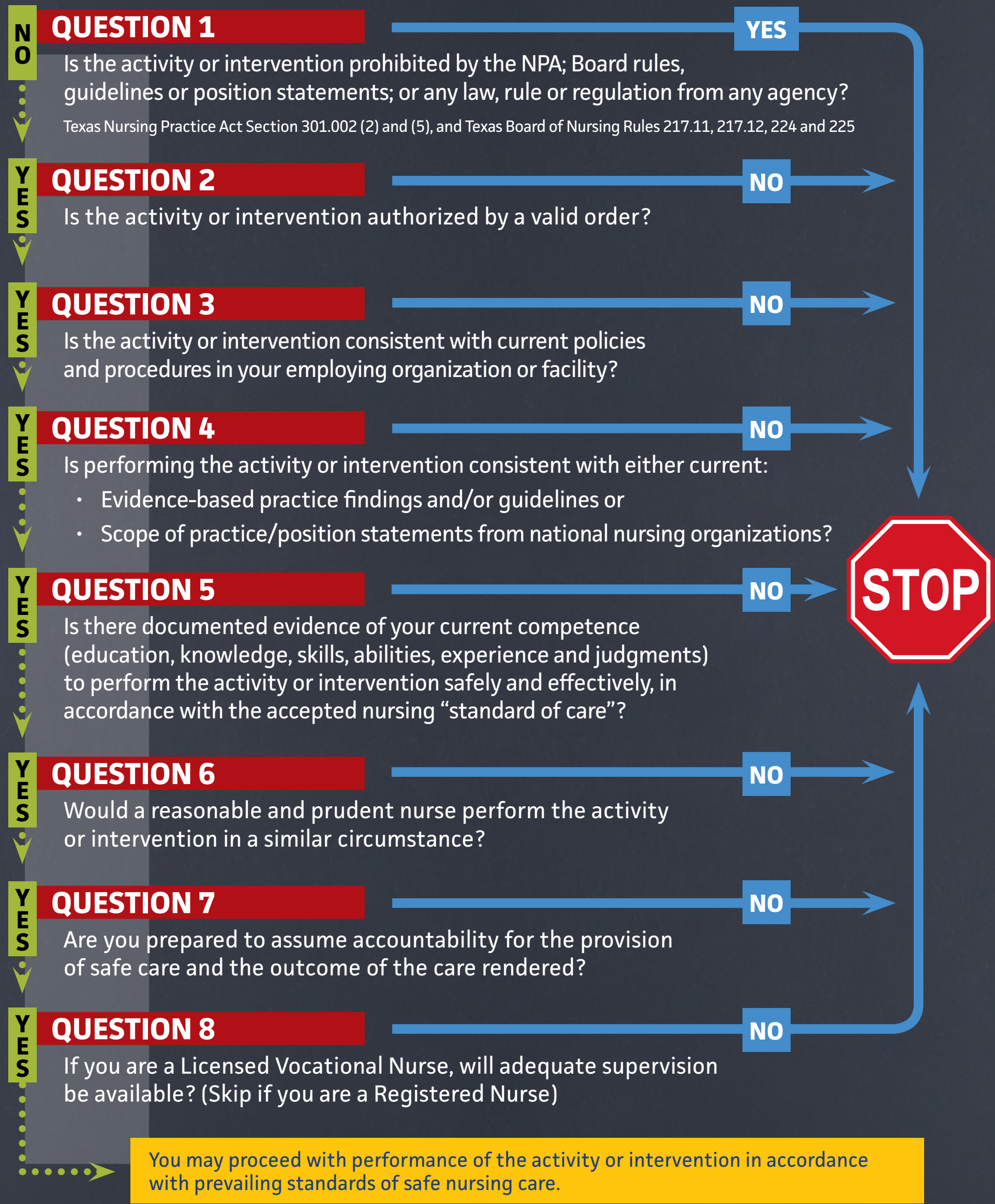


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### QUESTION 1:

Is the activity or intervention prohibited by the NPA; Board rules, guidelines or position statements; or any law, rule or regulation from any agency? (Texas Nursing Practice Act Section 301.002 (2) and (5), and Texas Board of Nursing Rules 217.11, 217.12, 224 and 225)

- If YES, Stop.
- If NO, continue to Question 2.

### QUESTION 2

Is the activity or intervention authorized by a valid order?

- If NO Stop.
- If YES, continue to Question 3.

### QUESTION 3

Is the activity or intervention consistent with current policies and procedures in your employing organization or facility?

- If NO Stop.
- If YES, continue to Question 4.

### QUESTION 4

Is performing the activity or intervention consistent with either current:

Evidence-based practice findings and/or guidelines or

Scope of practice/position statements from national nursing organizations?

- If NO Stop.
- If YES, continue to Question 5.

### QUESTION 5

Is there documented evidence of your current competence (education, knowledge, skills, abilities, experience and judgments) to perform the activity or intervention safely and effectively, in accordance with the accepted nursing “standard of care”?

- If NO Stop.
- If YES, continue to Question 6.

### QUESTION 6

Would a reasonable and prudent nurse perform the activity or intervention in a similar circumstance?

- If NO Stop.
- If YES, continue to Question 7.

### QUESTION 7

Are you prepared to assume accountability for the provision of safe care and the outcome of the care rendered?

- If NO Stop.
- If YES, continue to Question 8.

### QUESTION 8

If you are a Licensed Vocational Nurse, will adequate supervision be available? (Skip if you are a Registered Nurse)

You may proceed with performance of the activity or intervention in accordance with prevailing standards of safe nursing care.

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